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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 3635

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SUBJ: CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI SHARPENS CRITICISM OF THE REGIME

REF: WARSAW 3623 AND PREVIOUS

1. CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE POLISH REGIME IN A SERMON DELIVERED IN WARSAW ON MAY 19. THE CARDINAL DIGRESSED FROM THE SUBJECT OF HOLY COMMUNION TO MAKE A NOW FAMILIAR CRITICISM OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S HEAVILY EXPORT-ORIENTED ECONOMIC POLICY AND ITS RECKLESS EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. HE WENT ON TO "POINT OUT TO THE STATE" THAT HUMAN RESOURCES CANNOT BE EXPLOITED IN THE SAME WAY. HE CHARGED THAT MAN RANKS LOWEST AMONG SOCIAL, CIVIL, AND NATIONAL CONCERNS IN POLAND. THE CARDINAL SAID THE STATE APPEARS TO BE IRRITATED WHEN CITIZENS SPEAK
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OUT FOR THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI ALSO SAID A RISE IN THE "SOCIAL TEMPERATURE" SIGNALS ILLNESS IN THE BODY POLITIC. HE MADE A CLEAR REFERENCE TO THE DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF STANISLAW PYJAS, SAYING THAT YOUTH ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO SOCIAL ILLS. HE CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO CONDEMN THE

DEMONSTRATORS, BUT TO UNDERSTAND THEM, TO REVISE THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, AND TO REVISE COERCIVE METHODS APPLIED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS. HE SAID THE AUTHORITIES "COULD NOT SAVE THE STATE BY KILLING MAN, THAT NO TASKS CAN BE FULFILLED WITH DEAD SOULS."

3. COMMENT: THE CARDINAL'S COMMENT SIGNALS EPISCOPATE SUPPORT FOR THE DEMONSTRATORS WHO ORGANIZED THE MOURNING CEREMONIES FOR STANISLAW PYJAS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CHURCH IS ALSO CONSCIOUS OF THE CURRENT TENSIONS AND IS ACTING WITH RESTRAINT. WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS INQUIRING ABOUT THE REPORTED MASS TO BE HELD IN WARSAW FOR STANISLAW PYJAS ON MAY 20 WERE TOLD IT WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE. HOWEVER, AN EPISCOPATE OFFICIAL LATER TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE CEREMONY WOULD OCCUR AND THAT AN ORGANIZED GROUP REPRESENTING "STUDENT SOLIDARITY" WOULD ATTEND. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE CHURCH HAD CHANGED ITS POLICY TOWARDS THE REGIME, THE OFFICIAL REPLIED, "NO, IT RATHER DEPENDS ON WHAT THE STATE DOES NEXT."
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